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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on June 22, 2004, Applicants hereby provisionally elect, with traverse, species of Fig. 8 for initial examination in the present application. Claims 1-6 read on the elected species and are generic to all of species of Figs. 8, 10, 19 and 22 outlined in the Office Action.

However, applicants respectfully traverse the election requirement since all of species of Figs. 8, 10, 19 and 22 are sufficiently related that a thorough and complete search for species of Fig. 8 would necessarily encompass a thorough and complete search for the non-elected species. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the election requirement be withdrawn and that all species claimed herein be examined.

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